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# Agenda

Meeting: JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date: July 11, 1991

(Please note: This is the  
normal time and place.)

Day: Thursday

Time: 7:15 a.m.

Place: Metro, Conference Room 440

- \*1. MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 13, 1991 - APPROVAL REQUESTED.
- \*2. REGION 2040 WORK PLAN - APPROVAL REQUESTED - Andy Cotugno.
- \*3. RESOLUTION NO. 91-1474 - AMENDING THE FY 92 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AIR QUALITY PLANNING ACTIVITIES - APPROVAL REQUESTED - Andy Cotugno.
- \*4. PROPOSED POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR ODOT OREGON TRANSPORTATION PLAN - APPROVAL REQUESTED - Andy Cotugno.

\*Material enclosed.

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AUGUST JPACT MEETING: CANCELED

NEXT JPACT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 7:15 A.M.,  
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

## MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: June 13, 1991

GROUP/SUBJECT: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Chair David Knowles, Richard Devlin and George Van Bergen, Metro Council; Pauline Anderson, Multnomah County; Earl Blumenauer, City of Portland; Larry Cole, Cities of Washington County; Steve Greenwood (alt.), DEQ; Jim Cowen, Tri-Met; Ron Hart, City of Vancouver; Craig Lomnicki (alt.), Cities of Clackamas County; Roy Rogers, Washington County; Bob Bothman, ODOT; Gary Demich, WDOT; Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County; and Marge Schmunk

Guests: Don Adams, Denny Moore and Ted Spence, ODOT; Keith Ahola, WDOT; Tom Vanderzanden and Rod Sandoz, Clackamas County; Steve Dotterer and Grace Crunican, City of Portland; Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County; Gil Mallery, Intergovernmental Resource Center; Rick Root, City of Beaverton; and Tuck Wilson, Tri-Met

Staff: Andy Cotugno, Rich Carson, Karen Thackston and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: Eric Herst, Daily Journal of Commerce

### SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared by Chair David Knowles.

Chair Knowles announced that there would be no meeting held during the month of August (huge applause).

David noted that this was Bob Bothman and Jim Cowen's last JPACT meeting and that they would be invited to a future meeting to be recognized for their past efforts on behalf of the region.

Chair Knowles acknowledged that the JPACT STA position paper developed by Andy Cotugno and him, addressed to Senator Moynihan and included in the agenda packet, is under active consideration.

### MEETING REPORT

Ron Hart moved, seconded by Roy Rogers, to approve the May 9 JPACT meeting report as written. Motion PASSED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1462 - TRANSFERRING INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD PROJECT TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE PROJECT

Andy Cotugno highlighted the Staff Report and Resolution that would transfer \$2 million from the McLoughlin Boulevard project to complete the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure project. The project is ready to go to contract and this fulfills the state's original commitment to FAU funds. Andy noted that ODOT has confirmed in writing their intent to replace the Interstate Transfer funds with state highway funds.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern over the return of funds for use on the McLoughlin project. Andy Cotugno assured him that ODOT has sent written confirmation of that intent.

Action Taken: Pauline Anderson moved, seconded by Larry Cole, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 91-1462, transferring Interstate Transfer funds from the McLoughlin Boulevard project to the Hawthorne Bridge project. Motion PASSED unanimously.

RESOLUTION 91-1463 - AMENDING THE TIP ANNUAL ELEMENT TO INCLUDE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE WESTSIDE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT TO 185TH AVENUE

Andy Cotugno noted that the Staff Report/Resolution had been revised to respond to UMTA's concern about extending the project to Hillsboro. It now reflects a terminus at 185th Avenue and recognizes that there will be a future amendment to reflect the Locally Preferred Alternatives resulting from the Hillsboro AA.

Action Taken: Jim Cowen moved, seconded by Larry Cole, to recommend approval of revised Resolution No. 91-1463, amending the Transportation Improvement Program Annual Element to include federal funding for the Westside light rail project to 185th Avenue. Motion PASSED unanimously.

PRIORITIES FOR THE ODOT 1993-1998 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Andy Cotugno reviewed the draft letter to Don Adams regarding results of the technical ranking process for use in developing the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. When statewide public hearings are held on the Six-Year Program, it would be appropriate to adopt a resolution ranking priorities on regional projects. This is a precursor step to that formal adoption process.

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Andy spoke of new emphasis in ranking improvements, taking into consideration biking, pedestrian, transit and park-and-ride facilities.

Andy explained that the highest ranking projects (greater than 18 points) are recommended for construction; projects in the medium range (14-17 points) are programmed for project development and/or right-of-way acquisition. Andy indicated the following five projects should receive particular consideration:

- . I-5 -- Greeley to N. Banfield (Phases 3 and 4);
- . Highway 99W -- Pfaffle to Commercial (Phase 1 and I-5 to Pfaffle (Phase 2);
- . I-205 -- Highway 224 Interchange;
- . Highway 43 -- at Terwilliger Extension in conjunction with the Lake Oswego Trolley project; and
- . U.S. 30 -- N. Columbia-Lombard at NE 60th.

Recommendations for use of HBR funds were also included in the agenda packet. Andy explained that a sizable increase in funding for the Bridge Program is anticipated in the Surface Transportation Act. Recommendations include: 1) that ODOT only program the next two years for HBR funds as an interim measure; and 2) that ODOT develop a comprehensive approach to selecting bridge projects for funding based on severity of deficiency and importance. Following that, the rest of the bridge replacement funds should be programmed in the next Six-Year Program update.

Andy asked for Committee support in the technical ranking direction as well as the alternative approach for funding of bridges. He noted that Jerry Parmenter of Washington County and Terry Bray of the City of Portland (AOC and LOC appointments to the Bridge Committee) were supportive of the recommendations.

When questioned about our bridges and how they compare nationally, Bob Bothman indicated that the Oregon bridges are better off than the national average. A discussion followed on whether or not the existing bridges could withstand a major earthquake and it was the consensus that only the Fremont and St. Johns Bridges could. It was felt that the Federal Government should recognize the need to retrofit the bridges to meet earthquake standards but there is currently no funding for this nor is it a part of the process. Gary Demich was not supportive of retrofitting for earthquakes but felt that more attention should be paid to the most significant and catastrophic failures. It was noted that \$5 million has been set aside to make the bridges earthquake fit.

In discussion on the funding allocation, Andy Cotugno indicated that Oregon's allocation about doubles under the new STA.

Mayor Cole cited the importance of the Highway 47 project at Forest Grove, questioning whether it could be moved up in the rankings. Andy Cotugno responded that analysis is still going on with respect to traffic numbers, accidents, etc. and that there are other considerations besides technical factors that could change its ranking.

A draft set of projects will probably be considered in September and the result of the technical ranking will be distributed to TPAC/JPACT in the next few weeks.

Bob Bothman indicated that a major problem would exist if new gas tax funding should not become available. He spoke of a shift of \$38 million from the truckers and use of funds from the Highway Trust Fund. If additional funds are not available for the Six-Year Program, the current projects would be pushed forward and others removed. He suggested prioritizing existing projects in the Six-Year Program as well, citing the importance of the gas tax.

Action Taken: Earl Blumenauer moved, seconded by Pauline Anderson, to endorse proceeding with submittal of the technical ranking of projects and the alternative approach to bridge funds.

In discussion on the motion, Bob Bothman noted that the state's technical ranking does differ from the region's because it is based on the needs of the State of Oregon and the five regions are kept within equity levels. Criteria such as population, contribution of revenues, and trucks are some of the factors used in the state's ranking process. He acknowledged this was a different ranking system but supported getting JPACT's recommendation into the process at this time.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: Lois Kaplan

COPIES TO: Rena Cusma  
Dick Engstrom  
JPACT Members

## STAFF REPORT

### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 91-1474 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FY 92 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AIR QUALITY PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Date: June 25, 1991

Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

## PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would amend the FY 92 Unified Work Program to include the following air quality planning activities:

1. Development of an automobile emissions forecasting model.
2. Estimation of current and future automobile-related emissions.
3. Support for the Central City Transportation Management Plan to meet carbon monoxide standards in downtown Portland.
4. Evaluation and adoption of demand management programs for inclusion in the RTP to reduce automobile-related emissions.
5. Staff support with DEQ to the Portland area Task Force on Automobile Emissions created by the '91 Oregon Legislature.

TPAC has reviewed the FY 92 UWP amendment and recommends approval of Resolution No. 91-1474.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Portland region is currently designated in non-attainment of air quality standards for ozone (resulting from hydrocarbon emissions) and carbon monoxide (resulting from internal combustion engines). The automobile is the principal source of these pollutants. In accordance with the Clean Air Act of 1990, the region must attain the ozone standard by November 15, 1993 and the carbon monoxide standard by December 31, 1995. Upon attainment, the standard must be maintained thereafter. The Metro RTP and TIP must be periodically evaluated to ensure these plans and programs as a whole meet and maintain the standards. With certain exceptions, individual projects can only be implemented if the total plan can be shown in conformity. Failure to meet these and various other requirements can result in sanctions including withholding of highway funds and additional mandatory control measures. A summary of Clean Air Act requirements is included as Attachment A to this Staff Report.

The work program includes the following key areas of activity:

## Central City Transportation Management Plan

The automobile emissions model for the region will be developed through consultant support for this task. Metro and Portland staff will provide technical support for traffic forecasts to be used for calculating vehicle emissions. The final product will be the carbon monoxide implementation and maintenance plan for the Central City area.

### Base Automobile Emissions Estimates

Estimates will be made for automobile emissions of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons for the current year and for an RTP and TIP base condition. Current estimates are a required submission to EPA by 1993. RTP and TIP estimates are required to establish conformity and to include in a plan to demonstrate that the standards can be maintained upon attainment.

### Demand Management Program

This is the major area that is anticipated will be needed to reduce automobile emissions in the RTP and TIP. A comprehensive evaluation of demand management and system management techniques will be evaluated to determine their feasibility and effectiveness in reducing emissions and assisting with other objectives relating to congestion and mobility. The result will be an implementation program, including responsibilities and cost for inclusion in the RTP and TIP.

### Portland Area Task Force on Automobile Emissions

The '91 Legislature established this task force to develop recommendations for reducing automobile emissions while maintaining mobility with particular emphasis on alternative forms of transportation. The Metro demand management analysis will be a major input to their review. Their recommendations will be considered for inclusion in the Metro/DEQ State Implementation Plan and will be forwarded to the relevant Interim Committee in September 1992 and to the '93 Oregon Legislature.

This activity will be continued to the FY 93 Unified Work Program which will include tasks to prepare required implementation and maintenance plans to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution No. 91-1474.





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## ATTACHMENT A

### Clean Air Act of 1990

- I. Classify areas according to severity of air pollution problem (see Attachment A-1).
- II. Mandatory programs required to be implemented according to severity of the area's air pollution problem (see Attachments A-2 and A-3).

OZONE is an areawide pollutant (smog) formed by the reaction of volatile organic compounds (such as gasoline or solvents) with heat and sunlight. Violations occur downwind of the metropolitan area as a result of total metropolitan emissions.

Must meet ozone standard by November 15, 1993.

Corrections to the New Source Review Program must be implemented by November 15, 1992.

"Fix-ups" to existing RACT controls must be implemented by May 15, 1991 (RACT = Reasonably Available Control Technology on industrial sources).

Corrections or implementation of vehicle inspection program must be implemented immediately.

An updated inventory of existing stationary, area-wide and transportation sources of emissions must be submitted by November 15, 1992.

CARBON MONOXIDE is a localized pollutant resulting from combustion (principally from autos). Violations occur at "hot spots" where there is too high a concentration of pollutant in one location. Downtown Portland has historically been the violation area. However, no violations have been recorded recently and violations have been occurring in Vancouver and on 82nd Avenue.

Must meet CO standard by December 31, 1995.

Vehicle inspection program must be implemented.

Oxygenated fuels required (depending upon availability from suppliers; more severe areas have priority).

An updated inventory of emission sources due November 15, 1992.

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- III. Failure to meet attainment schedule causes slippage to the next highest classification of severity with additional mandatory requirements.
- IV. Upon attaining standards, an area can petition for designation as an attainment area and must submit a plan defining how standards will be maintained over time.
- V. Annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be evaluated for "conformity" with air quality standards (i.e., does the total pollutant load with the TIP implemented meet the standard?).

Amendments to TIP or changes to proposed projects require a project-specific air quality analysis.

VI. Sanctions

Current

Sanctions imposed due to failure to submit State Implementation Plan (SIP).

EPA could withhold highway funding from the state and urban area.

Proposed

Sanctions imposed due to failure to submit any required submission or failure to implement any SIP provision.

EPA can withhold highway funding from the jurisdiction failing to act; improvements that are for safety, rehabilitation or beneficial to air quality are exempt.

- VII. EPA defines standards for calculating vehicle miles traveled upon which vehicle emission estimates are based.
- VIII. Clean Air Act moves toward a market-based approach to air pollution control -- \$25.00 per ton of emission imposed on industry.
- IX. Additional actions will be required in the Portland metropolitan area to maintain standards after attainment, to avoid slippage into a more severe category and to accommodate future growth. Inter-state coordination of control measures is essential.

## CLASSIFICATION OF AREAS

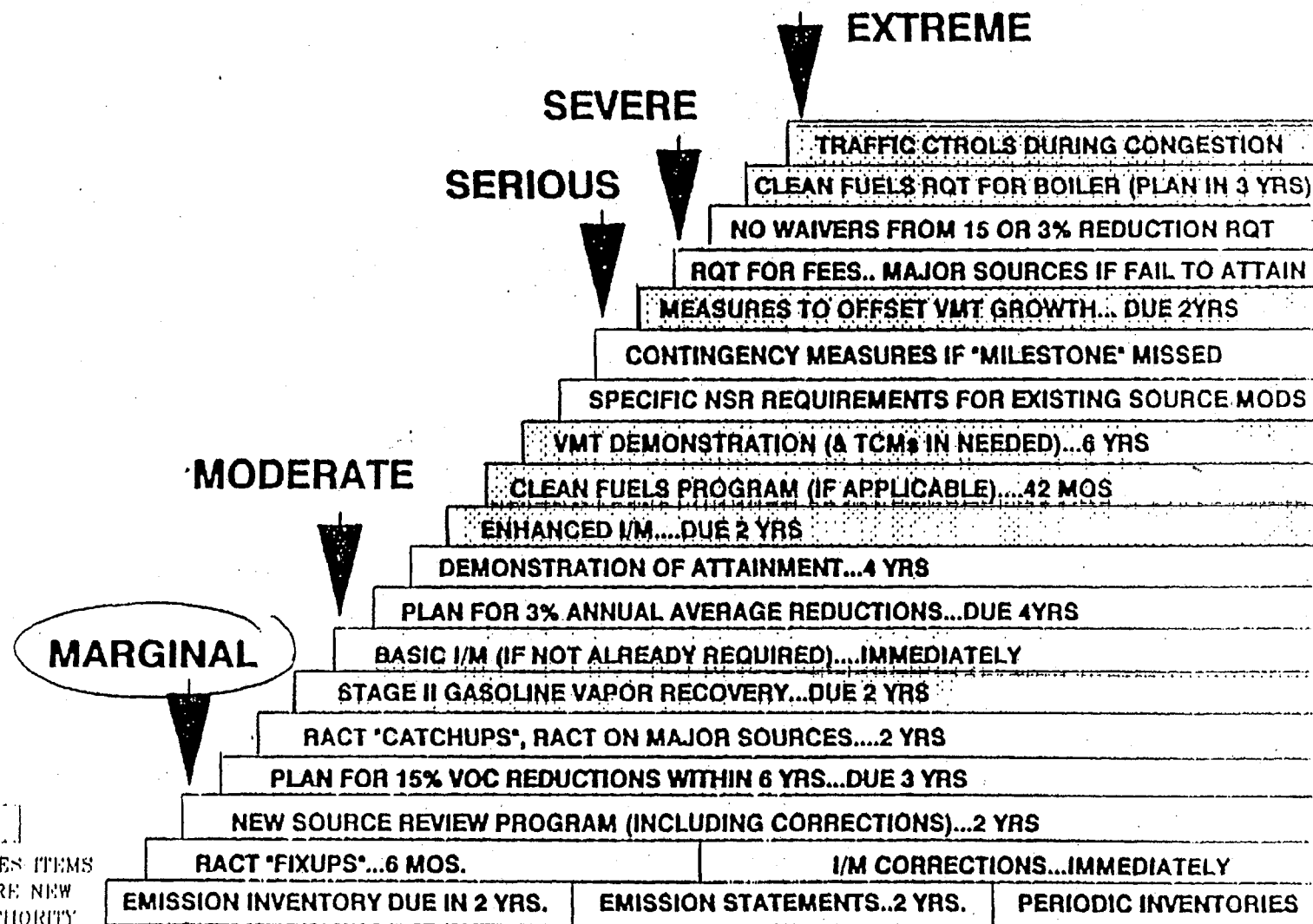
	CLASS	LEVEL - PPM	ATTAINMENT DATE
Ozone	Marginal	.121 to .138	3 years ← Portland/Vancouver
	Moderate	.138 to .160	6 years
	Serious	.160 to .180	9 years
	Severe 1	.180 to .190	15 years
	Severe 2	.190 to .280	17 years
	Extreme	.280 and above	20 years
Carbon Monoxide	Moderate	9.1 to 16.4	12/31/95 ← Portland/Vancouver
	Serious	16.5 and up	12/31/00

*For ozone and CO: Adjustment Possible Based On 5% Rule; EPA May Grant Two One-Year Extensions of Attainment Date*

PM-10	Moderate	N/A	12/31/94
			6 years for future areas
	Serious	N/A	12/31/01
			10 years for future areas

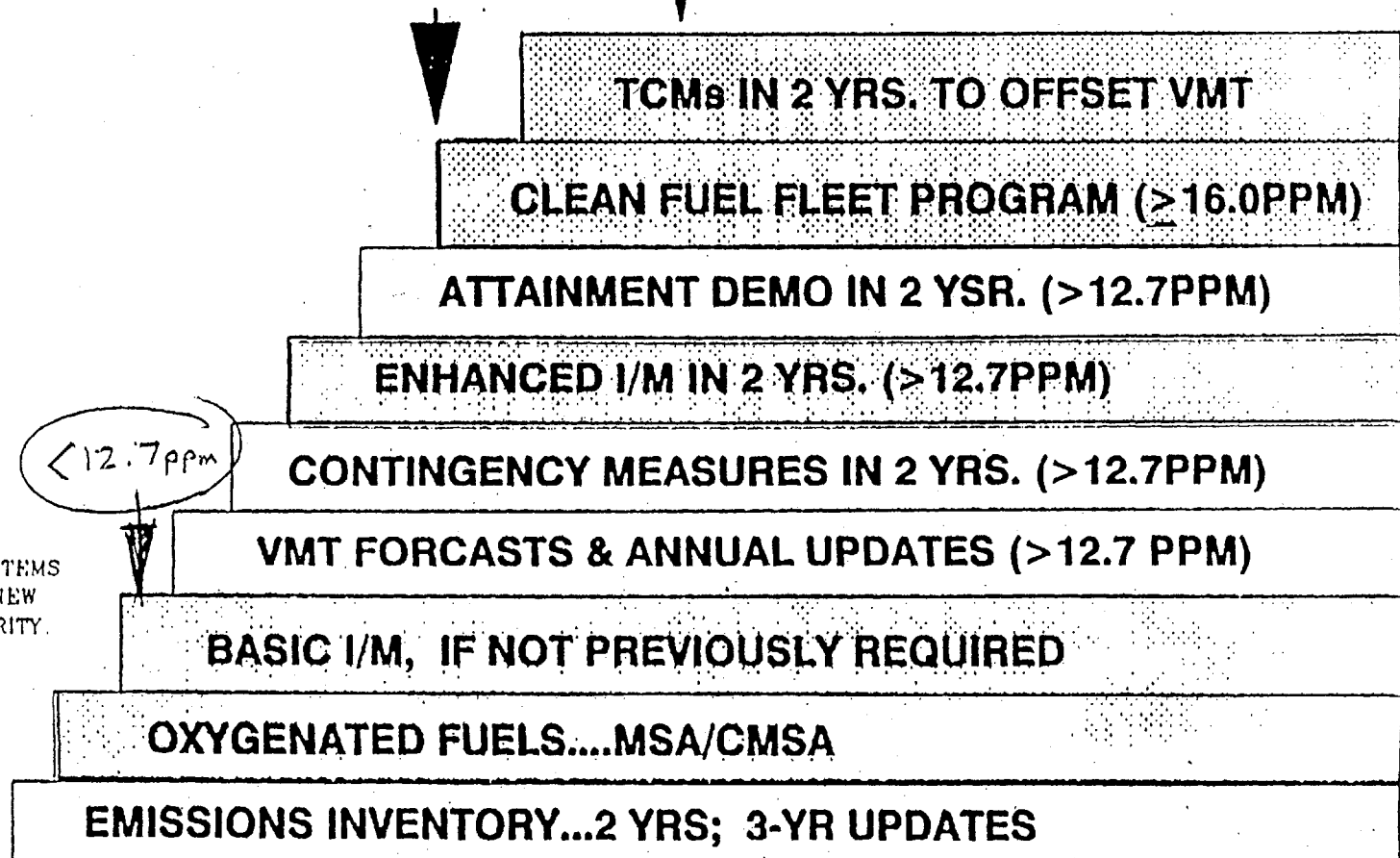
*Possible Extension of Attainment Date Up to Five Years for Serious Areas*

# REQUIREMENTS FOR OZONE PLANS



# REQUIREMENTS FOR CO PLANS

MODERATE      SERIOUS



SHADING INDICATES ITEMS  
THAT MAY REQUIRE NEW  
STATE LEGAL AUTHORITY.

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE )	RESOLUTION NO. 91-1474
FY 92 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM TO )	
INCLUDE AIR QUALITY PLANNING )	Introduced by
ACTIVITIES )	David Knowles, Chair
	Joint Policy Advisory Commit-
	tee on Transportation

WHEREAS, The FY 92 Unified Work Program was adopted by Resolution No. 91-1407; and

WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act of 1990 establishes new air quality requirements affecting automobile emissions; and

WHEREAS, Metro is the lead agency designated to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act for automobile-related emissions; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program must be evaluated periodically to ensure conformity with the State Implementation Plan for meeting Clean Air Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, The '91 Oregon Legislature has established a Portland area Task Force on Automobile Emissions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District does hereby amend the FY 92 Unified Work Program to include air quality planning activities as reflected in Exhibit A.

2. That this work program and policy conclusions shall be coordinated with actions in Clark County, Washington.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.

Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

ACC:lmk/6-25-91  
91-1474.RES

EXHIBIT A  
TO RESOLUTION NO. 91-1474

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In cooperation with DEQ, Metro will update current year estimates and future year forecasts of emissions to determine whether federal clean air standards can be achieved by the mandatory deadline and maintained thereafter. In cooperation with Tri-Met, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictions, Metro will act as the lead agency in a comprehensive analysis of alternative demand management techniques applicable in the Portland region. The objectives of demand management are to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the region, thereby reducing the demand for transportation capital expenditures, improving air quality, improving neighborhood livability and reducing energy consumption. Appropriate evaluation methodologies will be identified or developed for an alternatives analysis of various demand management techniques. The analysis will lead to recommendations for a demand management implementation strategy for the region which may include amendments to the RTP and to local comprehensive plans and ordinances. Each technique will be evaluated for its emissions reduction potential. In addition, the "Base Case" RTP and an amended RTP to incorporate recommended measures will be evaluated.

Metro will participate in the City of Portland Transportation Management Plan. Technical assistance relating to travel demand impacts resulting from alternative measures will be provided to allow the consultant to calculate emissions. Metro will participate with DEQ to provide support for the Portland area Task Force on Automobile Emissions established by the 1991 Oregon Legislature.

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Metro's involvement in air quality planning is precipitated by the Clean Air Act of 1990. In accordance with federal law, the standard for ozone (hydrocarbon emissions) must be met by November 1993 and carbon monoxide by November 1995. Thereafter, the standard must be maintained. Since automobile emissions are the primary source for these two pollutants, the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program must conform to this requirement. The full scope of the Clean Air Act requirements will be documented as part of this work program. Metro's involvement in automobile emissions will be integrated with DEQ's proposals for stationary sources for comparison to the overall federal standard. The following major components are included in Metro's air quality work program:



1. Involvement in Portland Central City Transportation Management Plan.
2. Update to current hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions inventory.
3. Evaluation of air pollution emissions of the RTP.
4. Evaluation of alternative demand management programs for inclusion in the RTP to reduce vehicle travel and air pollution emissions.
5. In cooperation with DEQ, support for the Portland area Task Force on Automobile Emissions established by the '91 Oregon Legislature.
6. In cooperation with DEQ, development of an air quality maintenance plan for ozone and carbon monoxide demonstrating ongoing attainment of the federal standard.

The Portland Central City Transportation Management Plan is underway to update the key element of the carbon monoxide state implementation plan, the downtown parking policy. A consultant will develop an air pollution emissions model and evaluate the air quality effects of alternative Central City transportation management plans. Metro and Portland staff will provide travel forecasts to the consultant to estimate emissions. In addition, the consultant will provide the air pollution emissions model to Metro and Portland to incorporate into the regional models for ongoing use.

The Demand Management Program is intended to study the benefits and constraints of a comprehensive and regionwide strategy of demand management activities. The study element would have two major goals:

1. Identify and evaluate various demand management strategies from both a technical and policy level. Evaluation criteria would include reductions in VMT, improvements to air quality and consistency with land use goals and policies; and
2. Develop a regional demand management program of strategies for the Portland region. The program would include adoption, implementation, enforcement, and evaluation procedures for selected alternative strategies. The program and analysis would supplement and be incorporated into Metro's Urban Growth Management and Regional Transportation Planning efforts.

Major tasks include:

- . Identify regional demand management issues and objectives consistent with the study goals.
- . Conduct a literature search to identify a comprehensive list of demand management alternatives, both "traditional" (existing) and "innovative."
- . Develop an evaluation methodology to analyze the list of demand management techniques. The methodology will evaluate the techniques for their ability to achieve study goals for VMT reduction, air quality improvements, etc. and will evaluate other technical, legal, policy and locational implications. A benefit/cost analysis will be used to measure the effectiveness of demand management on capital expenditure requirements.
- . Conduct an alternatives analysis of the various demand management techniques using the methodology developed above.
- . Prepare a report describing the study alternatives, the relationship to Clark County, Washington air quality actions, the results of analysis and a recommended strategy for demand management in the Portland region.

Metro's RTP-related air quality analysis will involve evaluating the conformity of the overall plan to air quality standards, with and without the addition of new demand management programs. This work will satisfy requirements to update the current year automobile emissions inventory and as input to an amendment to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to demonstrate that the standard can be maintained after attainment. Actual preparation of the SIP amendment will carry forward to the FY 92-93 Unified Work Program.

TASK BUDGET

1. Central City Plan Support . . . . .	\$ 65,260
2. Demand Management Program . . . . .	121,500
3. RTP Emissions . . . . .	12,000
4. Portland Area Task Force on Automobile Emissions. . . . .	<u>30,000</u>
	\$228,760

Expenses

Revenues

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Personal Services . . . . \$168,760  
Materials & Services. . . 10,000  
\$178,760

DEQ/EPA\* . . . . \$204,460  
Metro . . . . . 12,150  
ODOT. . . . . 12,150  
\$228,760

PORTLAND

Personal Services . . . . \$ 10,000  
Materials & Service . . . 40,000  
\$ 50,000

TOTAL . . . . . \$228,760

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\*Subject to approval of EPA and the Legislative Emergency Board.

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# Memorandum

DATE: May 30, 1991

TO: JPACT, UGMPAC, Metro Council

FROM: *pkc* Richard H. Carson, Director, Planning and Development  
*pkc* Andy Cotugno, Director, Transportation Planning

RE: Region 2040

A central component of our Coordinated Interdepartmental FY 1991-92 Workplan is the Transportation/Land Use Concepts Phase 1 Study. This study is funded from dues, excise tax, ODOT, and Tri-Met for a total of \$250,000. In addition, it is supported by an additional \$30,000 of Metro excise tax funding earmarked for citizen involvement. Attached to this memo is a more detailed description of the proposed workplan, including a proposal for a management committee and a timeline for the next few months.

We believe that this project must speak directly to two major regional planning concerns:

- 1) Regional Vision - The Urban Growth Management Plan Policy Advisory Committee has identified the development of a vision for the future development of the metropolitan area as critical to the implementation of the RUGGOs. This study needs to provide a participatory opportunity for embarking on this task.
- 2) The Major RTP - The major RTP update must deal effectively with the broad issue of urban form, particularly in light of the new state transportation planning rule and the high likelihood of urban growth boundary expansions in the future, given current trends. This study must yield a long-range view of urban form in the region that can be used in the process of transportation system modeling for the next RTP.

The project described here is envisioned as the first phase of a two-phased study. The products of this first phase will include a description of a trend development scenario, clarification of regional expectations for livability, and the selection of a range of reasonably possible alternative future development concepts. The second phase will involve a quantitative analysis and blending of the alternatives and the status quo, in light of regional livability concerns, in order to arrive at a preferred future vision. This project will ultimately result, therefore, in a preferred 50-year vision for the region, Region 2040.

JPACT, UGMFAC, Metro Council  
May 30, 1991  
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The first step in the process will be the selection of the Management Committee, described in more detail in the attachment. Both TPAC and the Urban Growth Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee will be asked to assist with the selection of that committee during the month of June. The Metro Council, JPACT and the Urban Growth Management Policy Advisory Committee will be consulted regarding this proposal prior to development of the final RFP. In order to meet the objectives for this work in the next fiscal year, it will be imperative to meet the timeline for RFP development and contract award outlined in the attachment.

Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions.

RC:AC:lmk

Attachment

# REGION 2040 STUDY

## Preliminary Proposal

July 1, 1991

### Introduction

By most measures, the Portland metropolitan region is among the most livable urban areas in the nation. Residents of this area enjoy relatively short work commutes, good access to the natural environment, high quality and plentiful water supplies, and engaging urban settings. The region is anchored by a 24-hour downtown that is frequently touted as a place to experience in national magazines and newspapers. MAX is a success and the citizens of the region have acted affirmatively to make transit a more important partner in our transportation system in the future.

Nonetheless, there are signs that residents of this region ought not to take their vaunted livability for granted. Commute times are increasing, and are projected to increase by some 33% by the year 2010 even with massive improvements to our regional transportation system. Recent studies have concluded that the resources available to meet the infrastructure needs of the region fall far short of the actual expenditures required. Even with improved automobile efficiencies, air quality could decline as the total vehicle miles travelled in the region increases at a rate in excess of the rate of population growth.

In short, the growth coming to this region is beginning to change the quality and nature of this place, threatening the very livability that this region is known for. The challenge is clear: how can we maintain, even enhance the livability of this region while accommodating the growth coming our way? As the effects of growth begin to limit choices and opportunities, how can the region act cooperatively to add diversity to the options before us? How, in fact, can the growth that is coming be embraced by the communities of the region rather as an asset than regarded as a cause for concern?

We have the opportunity now to embark on a path towards a program for maintaining livability that is guided by a desire to enhance the economic, political, and cultural strength of the region, maintain a wide range of opportunities for the people living here, and directly work to preserve the quality that distinguishes this region as an urban place. This proposal for a Region 2040 Study is the next step towards that goal.

### The Region 2040 Study Approach

Region 2040 is a 50-year look into the future. It is designed to build off of the work done to date on the RUGGO's, and to address the needs identified above. The process would begin with an assessment of regional values pertaining to livability. The product would be that short list of concerns that describe first, what makes the region livable for residents of the region

and second, the things that are most central to maintaining and enhancing livability in the future. Concurrent with this regional values inventory would be the development of a 50-year "trend" development scenario. The trend scenario would attempt to describe where we seem to be headed given current and emerging regional dynamics. The regional values inventory would be used to evaluate the trend scenario in terms of its likely affect on the livability of the region and to define evaluation criteria to describe the Region 2040 concept to be implemented.

The regional values inventory would then be used to develop a set of screening criteria for the generation of a range of future regional development alternatives. The RUGGO's begin to describe a range of "building blocks" or variables that could be combined in a variety of ways to develop future growth scenarios. For example, expansion into urban reserves plus the development of mixed-use urban centers is one brief and very general possible scenario. There are many more. In addition to the trend scenario, a wide range of alternatives would be produced. The screening criteria along with a market analysis and the regional values inventory would be used to refine the broad list of scenarios into a few likely prospects plus the trend scenario for further analysis.

The product of this effort would be 4 to 6 scenarios plus a trend scenario defined in specific enough terms so that generalized maps could be developed to illustrate them. As in the Vision 2020 program in the Puget Sound region, the scenarios would be summarized in the form of a readable, engaging tabloid or other similar vehicle for wide public distribution. In addition, evaluation criteria would be developed for comparing the scenarios to each other in the next phase of this project, setting the stage of the blending and balancing of the scenarios into a preferred regional development vision.

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### Region 2040 Study Management

Oversight for the management of the study process would be supplied by a Management Committee. The Management Committee's primary task would be to ensure the involvement of citizens, JPACT, RPAC, standing technical committees, local governments, the Metro Council, and other interests in the study process. The Management Committee would not have any policy-related role. The committee would be small and would meet on a pre-arranged, regular basis. It would be composed of 8 members, reflecting the funding for the study:

#### Metro Excise Taxes

- Andy Cotugno, Director, Transportation Planning, Metro
- Rich Carson, Director, Planning and Development, Metro

#### ODOT

- A representative from ODOT, Region I

#### Tri-Met

- A representative from Tri-Met Staff

#### Dues

- 2 local government representatives from TPAC
- 2 local government representatives from the UGMTAC

The representatives of dues paying jurisdictions from TPAC and the UGMTAC are recommended to be the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County, and Washington County. Any consideration for added representatives should be through substitution to ensure that committee can function as a true management committee and not expand in number or in scope to a study policy committee.

The Management Committee would serve as a bridge between JPACT and RPAC. Policy issues would be brought to those committees for the development of recommendations to the Metro Council. The committee is needed to ensure that the project moves along in a timely manner and to provide a regular point of contact between study sponsors and consultants.

#### Timetable

June, 1991	Management Committee formed after consultation with Urban Growth Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee and TPAC
July, 1991	Management Committee presents workplan to JPACT and Urban Growth Management Plan Policy Committee for review and recommendation, and to Metro Council for adoption as part of contract review process
July, 1991	Management Committee prepares RFP and presents it to Metro Transportation and Land Use Committee for authorization for release in August
August, 1991	RFP released
October, 1991	Management Committee screens responses and recommends contractor to Metro Transportation and Land Use Committee
October, 1991	Contract awarded
November, 1991	Work begins with presentations to JPACT and RPAC





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Since the urban areas of the state are targeted for growth and development, the underlying principles of the Oregon Transportation Plan for these areas are:

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### Goals

To accomplish this, the urban transportation elements of the Oregon Transportation Plan have the following overall goals:

1. To promote the growth and redevelopment of the designated urban growth boundaries through provision of an adequate level of urban mobility through multi-modal accessibility to a wide range of urban activities.
2. To integrate the urban transportation system with the multi-modal transportation system designated by ODOT for international, interstate and intercity movement of people and goods.
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